



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Whereas, alcohol and other forms of drug addiction present a serious problem within our society, and not only affect an individual, but his or her family members and the community as a whole; and

Whereas, modern treatment programs have proven to be highly effective; they offer real hope of recovery to addicted people and their families; New York State is proud to celebrate September 2001 as *Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*; and

Whereas, *Recovery Month* celebrates the great strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment and recognizes those in the treatment field who dedicate their lives to the recovery process; their compassion and efforts provide hope to individuals who need help and guidance during the recovery process; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Community," underscores the importance of family, friends and the community to the successful recovery of an individual; all residents are encouraged to reflect upon this year's theme and to support those who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery; and

Whereas, working together, we can help remove the stigma of addiction and encourage those who need to seek treatment; in doing so, we can help individuals in need reach their full potential to lead a healthy, productive life; this month is a time to increase awareness of drug and alcohol treatment, and recovery-related issues and programs in the local community;

Now, Therefore, I, George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby recognize September 2001 as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the Empire State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "G. E. Pataki".

Governor